

[0043] For “push” type PEG procedures, a coiled sheathed guide wire **106A** may be provided in the kit, as seen in **FIGS. 1, 2, and 6**. The guide wire **106A** may be placed in the recess **76** on top of the coiled end of the snare **93A** and coiled tube **96A** of the PEG tube **94A**.

[0044] A third planar surface **68** may also be provided in the tray **22**. The third planar surface may be offset from the first planar surface **64**, from the second planar surface **66**, or from both the first and second planar surfaces **64** and **66**, respectively. In the embodiment depicted in the Figures, the third planar surface **68** may be disposed within the interior of the coils **93A** and **96A**. A recess **120** may be formed in the third planar surface as shown in **FIG. 9**. The recess **120** may be configured to hold one or two twelve-ounce syringes **120A**. A recess **118** may also be disposed in the third planar surface **68** and may be adapted to hold a tubing clamp **118A**.

[0045] A fourth planar surface **70** may be disposed adjacent to the third planar surface **68**, as seen in **FIGS. 4 and 5**. A recess **86** that is adapted to hold an introducer cannula **86A** may be formed in the third and fourth planar surfaces **68** and **70**, respectively.

[0046] In selected embodiments and as shown in **FIG. 5**, a fifth planar surface **72** may be provided that is adjacent to the fourth planar surface **70**. The fifth planar surface **72** may be configured to provide additional support to the coils **93A** and **96A**.

[0047] The tray **22** may also be configured to hold a pamphlet (not shown) that may contain various information such as, for example, directions for using the PEG kit **20**.

[0048] From the foregoing description, it should be appreciated that the arrangement of the vertically offset planar surfaces and their respective article recesses results in an arrangement wherein certain of the articles must be removed from the kit before unobstructed access is provided to certain underlying articles. The articles are arranged so that, desirably, such articles can be readily removed from the tray in their order of use. For example, in the embodiment illustrated in the Figures wherein the surgical kit is a PEG kit, the container **24** contains many of accessory items needed to prep the surgical site on the patient. The container is seated in its recess on the first planar surface **64** and is readily removable upon removing the cover **26** from the tray **22**. The snare device **92A** within recess **92** is used before the PEG tube **94A** within recess **94**, and the snare device **92A** must be removed before the PEG tube **94A** can be removed. The feeding adapters **114A** and **116A** within respective recesses **114** and **116** are used towards the end of a PEG procedure and access to the adapters is provided after removal of the snare **92A** and PEG tube **94A**.

[0049] The invention may be embodied in other specific forms without departing from the scope and spirit of the inventive characteristics thereof. The present embodiments therefore are to be considered in all respects as illustrative and not restrictive, the scope of the invention being indicated by the appended claims rather than by the foregoing description, and all changes which come within the meaning and range of equivalency of the claims are therefore intended to be embraced therein.

What is claimed is:

1. A surgical kit, comprising:

- a tray comprising a plurality of planar surfaces defined therein;
- a plurality of article recesses defined in said planar surfaces such that at least one said recess is defined in each of said planar surfaces, each said recess having a shape for receipt of a particular surgical article therein; and

wherein said planar surfaces are arranged such that each said planar surface is offset vertically with respect to at least one other said planar surface and said recesses positioned within said tray such that articles in at least one upper said planar surface must be removed from said tray prior to access being provided to articles in at least one lower said planar surface, said articles correspondingly arranged in said tray such that unobstructed access is provided to said articles in their order of use for a particular surgical procedure.

2. The surgical kit as in claim 1, wherein said tray comprises:

- a first planar surface comprising at least one recess disposed therein;
- a second planar surface comprising at least one recess disposed therein, the second planar surface being offset from the first planar surface; and
- a third planar surface comprising at least one recess disposed therein, the third planar surface being offset from the first planar surface.

3. The surgical kit as in claim 2, further comprising a removable container adapted to fit at least partially within said tray, said container adapted to rest upon at least a portion of said first planar surface, said container being reclosable and containing at least one accessory article useful in performing the surgical procedure.

4. The surgical kit as in claim 3, further comprising a plurality of said recesses defined in said first planar surface below said container such that said container must be removed from said tray prior to having access to articles contained in said recesses below said tray.

5. The surgical kit as in claim 1, further comprising a cover adapted to be placed over said tray.

6. The surgical kit as in claim 1, further comprising at least one boss extending upwardly from at least one of said planar surfaces, said boss configured for extending through at least a portion of a surgical article.

7. The surgical kit as in claim 6, wherein said boss extends through a handle portion of a snare device.

8. The surgical kit as in claim 7, wherein said snare device overlies at least a portion of another said article received in a recess defined below the position of said snare device.

9. The surgical kit as in claim 8, wherein said article in said recess below said snare device comprises a percutaneous gastrostomy tube.

10. The surgical kit as in claim 9, further comprising a coiled guide wire overlying a portion of said percutaneous gastrostomy tube.

11. A percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy (PEG) kit comprising:

- a tray, said tray further comprising

- a first planar surface comprising at least one recess disposed within the first planar surface,